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Dear Professor Walsh:

Dr. Nossal asked that I send this material to you. It seems obvious that the Australian fauna is of the utmost potential scientific interest, and yet in the most precarious situation.

I hope that it may indeed be possible for the Australian Academy of Sciences to take an active interest in the proposal to establish archives of frozen tissues as an ultimate resource for preserving genetic information of dying species. I am sure many of your colleagues, e.g., Prof. Frank Fenner would be knowledgeable and promptly sensitive about the technology as well as the scientific merits of such a proposal.

May I also suggest that you establish some communication with Professor Arthur Hasler (Dept. Zoddogy, Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison) in his capacity as president of INTECOL, the international ecological organization under UNESCO sponsorship. He has also informed me of a Conference on the Biosphere which had made, i.a., the enclosed recommendations on conservation of genetic resources.

Yours cordially.

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